

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

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TO: All Department Personnel

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

I am pleased to announce the following personnel changes:

Michael Hyams

Michael Hyams has been appointed as a Police Commander effective September 4, 2016. Commander Hyams has served with distinction over the past year and a half as the Commanding Officer of the Risk Management Legal Affairs Group (RMLAG) where he has led the innovative efforts of the Risk Management Division, Legal Affairs Division, and Ombuds Section. He also serves as a key advisor on complex legal and risk management issues and frequently represents the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD or Department) before the Commission and City Council. Through his efforts and the efforts of his exceptional team, he has implemented the Department's Risk Management and Harm Reduction Strategy with a keen understanding of LAPD's operational, administrative, and investigative missions.

Commander Hyams' experience as a sworn law enforcement executive for nearly 40 years, first at the Newport Beach Police Department then as Assistant Chief and Interim Chief of Airport Police for Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA-PD), coupled with his professional legal accomplishments and expertise in police psychology, make him a unique and important resource for the Department. As a result, the Mayor, City Administrative Officer, and City Council unanimously agreed that converting his position from a Police Administrator II and providing an additional sworn Commander authority, was in the best interests of the Department and the City as he continues to lead RMLAG to higher levels.

In addition to his service at the Newport Beach Police Department and LAWA-PD, Commander Hyams served as the Executive Director of Judicial Support for the Superior Court of Orange County and participated on numerous POST committees and professional associations. He was the honor graduate of LAPD Academy Class 2-77, earned both a Juris Doctor and PhD in Psychology, and is an active member of the California State Bar.

Commander Hyams will continue to report to the Director of the Office of Constitutional Policing and Policy and take on additional assignments as needed.

Josh Rubenstein

Former newscaster and award-winning journalist, Josh Rubenstein, has joined the LAPD as its new Public Information Director. Many of you will recognize Mr. Rubenstein from his recent position as Chief Meteorologist and Emmy-award winning field reporter, producer and writer at KCAL9-KCBS2 for the past 20 years.

Mr. Rubenstein brings his extensive media expertise and well-known enthusiasm for the LAPD to lead our strategic communications and media efforts in new and innovative ways. As the Commanding Officer of the recently established Public Communications Group, Mr. Rubenstein will oversee Media Relations Division, which will continue to be led by Captain Andy Neiman and his dedicated team of sworn and civilian media professionals. Mr. Rubenstein will report to the Director of the Office of Constitutional Policing and Policy and will serve as a key communications strategist and advisor to LAPD command staff and Department personnel.

Mr. Rubenstein is a graduate of the University of Illinois-Urbana where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Arts & Communications and later earned a Masters in Public Administration and Urban Planning from California State University, Northridge. He has also completed FEMA courses on the National Incident Management System and advised non-profits and other organizations on communications strategies.

Mr. Rubenstein was a co-chair of North Hollywood Area's Community Police Advisory Board and has been publicly recognized for his community engagement efforts by the Los Angeles City Council. He is a recipient of two Golden Mic Awards and won an Emmy for his coverage of the emergency landing of Jet Blue flight 292 at LAX.

Congratulations to Commander Hyams and Mr. Rubenstein and please welcome them into their new roles in the finest law enforcement agency in the nation.



CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police

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